

CALL FOR BECOMING EXPERTS OF THE « ACCOBAMS MMO/PAM COURSES COMMITTEE »

BACKGROUND:

- **Process and Objective of the ACCOBAMS Certification for Highly Qualified MMO/PAM:**

In 2014, 2015, the Scientific Committee of ACCOBAMS has recommended to the Parties the creation of an ACCOBAMS HQMMO/PAM certification.

The Resolution 6.18 “Implementation of an ACCOBAMS Certification for Highly Qualified Marine Mammals Observers” was adopted by Parties in November 2016. It will guarantee throughout the Agreement area a high quality standardized training of MMOs/PAM by:

- ensuring the recognition of the ACCOBAMS Highly Qualified MMOs/PAM operators at the international level,
- Improving the effectiveness of conservation measures to limit the impact of noise on cetaceans.

The Resolution 6.18 explains the process, actors and their role with the objective of proposing a certification for the whole ACCOBAMS area (Mediterranean and Black Sea), and a standard training.

Relevant trainer organizations will be accredited by the Permanent Secretariat based on requirements set up by the ACCOBAMS MMO/PAM Working Group. An “ACCOBAMS School”, composed by relevant experts identified by the ACCOBAMS MMO WG, will provide them with standard supports. The accredited trainer organizations will then train and certify relevant candidates to become “Highly Qualified MMO/PAM operators”.

The objective is to encourage ACCOBAMS Parties to give permits for activities in their national area, in priority, to industrial companies employing ACCOBAMS Highly Qualified MMOs/PAM operators or at least other internationally agreed certifications.

- **The MMO Working Group:**

The role of the MMO Working group is to ensure that the whole process is implemented smoothly, within a clear framework and in a transparent and fair manner for everyone and every organisation.

The composition of the MMOWG has been updated through proposition of new names and a vote.

The final list includes:

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During the Eleventh Meeting of the Scientific Committee (Monaco, 7-9 February 2017):

- A new name of entity called "ACCOBAMS School" in the ACCOBAMS Resolution 6.18 was proposed and approved: the **ACCOBAMS MMO/PAM Courses Committee (ACCOBAMS MMO/PAM CC)**;
- Terms of reference for the designation of the experts of the "ACCOBAMS MMO/PAM Courses Committee" were approved.

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR BECOMING AN EXPERT OF THE ACCOBAMS MMO/PAM COURSES COMMITTEE

The **ACCOBAMS MMO/PAM Courses Committee** (ACCOBAMS MMO/PAM CC) will be composed by experts (e.g. from the research, academic/industrial sectors, and relevant stakeholders) operating in the ACCOBAMS Area having demonstrated expertise in the field of cetacean ecology, underwater acoustics and bioacoustics, impacts on marine mammals, mitigation measure in the ACCOBAMS regions.

- **Experts willing to become experts of the ACCOBAMS MMO/PAM CC should meet the following criteria:**

- (a) be members of an Organization / Institution which statutory objectives that are in full agreement with the spirit and objectives of [ACCOBAMS](#). Independent experts can become experts of the **ACCOBAMS MMO/PAM CC**, especially if they fulfil the criteria (b, c, d, e and f);
- (b) have experience in providing support to implementing practical research, collection and analysis of information or other educational and training activities that contribute to cetacean conservation;
- (c) have demonstrated experience in teaching conservation, legislative or technical issues. Experience in implementing partnership ventures, such as for training and education, technical and scientific expertise, policy development or evaluation and assessment, would be particularly appreciated since it could bring new and additional benefits to the functioning of the **ACCOBAMS MMO/PAM CC**;
- (d) have demonstrated willingness and ability to cooperate with other relevant entities;
- (e) have stated their readiness to contribute actively on a regular basis to further development of the ACCOBAMS MMO/PAM CC;
- (f) have already cooperated with ACCOBAMS in the achievement of its objectives.

Based on these criteria, members of the MMO/PAM Working Group can apply to become expert of the ACCOBAMS MMO/PAM CC.



- **How to apply:**

The call asking to answer to be an expert of the ACCOBAMS **MMO/PAM CC** will be launch among ACCOBAMS Partners, attenders to MMO workshop occurred last year during the ECS and the ACCOBAMS/ASCOBANS/CMS Joint Noise Working Group. Each experts will be designed/responsible for one or several thematic/courses identified by the MMO Working Group and which composed the training.

Tenders must be sent to **Léa David** (lea.david2@wanadoo.fr), Leader of the MMO Working Group and to **Maïlis Salivas** from the ACCOBAMS Secretariat (msalivas@accobams.net) **no later than 21st August 2017**.

Each application must include:

- A cover letter,
- the CV(s) of expert(s) and his/her (their) references, especially in the Mediterranean and Black Seas

All applications received **before 21st August 2017** will be submitted to the MMO/PAM Working Group. Members of the MMO/PAM Working Group will then identify, in close collaboration with the Chair and Vice Chair of the ACCOBAMS Scientific Committee, relevant experts for the **ACCOBAMS MMO/PAM CC** before 28th August 2017.

- **Tasks of experts of the ACCOBAMS MMO/PAM CC will be the following:**

- Provide the support (based on a guidance document regarding the courses content, prepared by the MMO/PAM WG) for the standard MMO/PAMs training to all accredited “trainer” organizations under the directives and/or validation of the MMO/PAM Working Group;
- Provide the support for the updates to be integrated in the training, following MMO/PAM Working Group directives.